

ORDER OF SERVICE

January 29, 2023

Prelude *Serenata* Manuel de Falla

Welcome and Announcements

Ingathering Chime

Choral Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn “For All That Is Our Life” No. 128 [STLT]

Chalice Lighting

Unison Affirmation

Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest for truth its sacrament,
And service its prayer.
To dwell together in peace,
To seek knowledge in freedom,
To serve human need,
To the end that all souls shall
grow into harmony with the Divine —
Thus do we covenant
with each other and with God.

Community Joys and Sorrows

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Response

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Offertory†

Our 50/50 split this month is for Promise the Children’s “Calm Down Corners” initiative. Promise the Children will donate all funding raised this month to Lynn Vocational Technical Institute’s SELS initiative, which builds Social and Emotional Learning Spaces (SELS) — also known as “Calm Down Corners” — for public elementary schools in the Lynn community. These spaces are used in kindergarten and elementary school classrooms to serve as an effective area within a classroom for any student to utilize when emotional regulation is needed. Please make checks payable to: Promise the Children.

Candles of Hope and Healing

You are invited to come forward and light a candle.

Readings “Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons From MarineMammals”
Alexis Pauline Gumbs

“Take Love For Granted” Jack Ridl

Anthem “Take Care of This House” Leonard Bernstein

Sermon “We’re Gonna Talk About Bruno”
Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein

Duet “What Else Can I Do?” from “Encanto”
Music and Lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda

Sending Forth

Benediction

Congregational Response: *Amen*

Postlude *Love* Edvard Grieg

Greeting Each Other

†We share our Sunday morning offering each month with an organization that is dedicated to alleviating human suffering or oppression. The collection will benefit both the church and charity:

- all loose cash in the collection plates will be split on a 50/50 basis between the church and the charity
- checks payable to the church will go only to the church—and toward your pledge—unless otherwise designated (e.g. writing “50/50” on the memo line)
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TODAY'S WORSHIP TEAM

Rev. Dr. Victoria Weinstein, Parish Minister
Kenneth Griffith II, Director of Music
David Collins, Keyboard
The UUCGL Choir
Jason Gatlin, Livestream Service
Claire Wilson, Worship Associate

WE ARE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY

that gathers to explore deeper truths together,
to support one another through the complexities and struggles
of daily life, and to serve the greater good by becoming
more compassionate in our thoughts, words, and actions.

Join with us to cultivate reverence, peacefulness,
and an ethic of loving engagement with the world.

We are so glad that you're here today,
whether you are a devoted member or a new visitor.

We hope to be a spiritual community
you will consider becoming part of.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Given the seasonal spike in COVID cases and the spread of other infectious diseases like flu and RSV, we encourage the wearing of masks when we are together. Masks are an easy and simple way to minimize worry over sharing germs as we enjoy each other's company.

For those of you who would like to maintain social distance in the sanctuary (which has several air filters running every Sunday), the front side of the sanctuary by the wooden Lydia Breed sculpture is reserved for you.

Take Care of This House

Keep it from harm
If bandits break in,
sound the alarm
Care for this house
Shine it by hand
And keep it so clean
The glow can be seen
All over the land.
Be careful at night,
Check all the doors,
If someone makes off with
a dream
That dream will be yours.
Take care of this house
Be always on call
For this house is the
home of us all.

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What Else Can I Do?

I just made something unexpected
Something sharp, something new
It's not symmetrical or perfect
But it's beautiful and it's mine
What else can I do?

I grow rows and rows of roses
Flor de mayo, by the mile
I make perfect, practiced poses
So much hides behind my smile

What could I do if I just grew what I was feelin' in the moment?
What could I do if I just knew it didn't need to be perfect?
It just needed to be? And they'd let me be?

A hurricane of jacarandas
Strangling figs, hanging vines
Palma de cera fills the air as I climb
And I push through
What else can I do?

Can I deliver us a river of sundew?
Careful, it's carnivorous, a little just won't do
I wanna feel the shiver of something new
I'm so sick of pretty, I want something true, don't you?

You just seem like your life's been a dream
Since the moment you opened your eyes
(How far do these roots go down?)
All I know are the blossoms you grow
But it's awesome to see how you rise
How far can I rise?
Through the roof, to the skies, let's go

What can you do when you are deeply, madly,
truly in the moment?
(Seize the moment, keep goin')
What can you do when you know who you wanna
be is imperfect?
But I'll still be okay (Hey, everybody clear the way!)

I'm comin' through with tabebuia
Making waves changing minds
The way is clearer 'cause you're here, and well
I owe this all to you

What else can I do? (Show'em what you can do)
What else can I do? (There's nothing you can't do)
What else can I do?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit uucgl.org for more information and additional announcements.

Restorative Winter Meditations

Today | 4-5pm | *Every other Sunday through March 26*

No prior experience is required. Whether you attend one or all sessions, please register at uucgl.org in case of cancellations.

Saturday Craft Group

Saturday, February 4 | 10-2pm

All kinds of crafts are welcome! See uucgl.org for more info.

Poetry-Writing Workshop

Sunday, February 5 | 11:30am

Clem Schoenebeck, will lead this workshop. Kindly register at uucgl.org.

Innovation in Addressing Hunger — A Discussion about Advances in Food Security *(Also livestreaming at facebook.com/uucgl)*

Sunday, February 12 | 12-2pm

A panel discussion about new approaches to food insecurity in our area. Featuring knowledgeable speakers and time for Q&A. Free and open to the public; reception to follow. See our website for more information.

Native Plant Gardening Workshop (NEW DATE!)

Wednesday, February 15 | 7pm

If you registered for the original event and can still attend on 2/15, you do not need to do anything; we will hold your registration. Otherwise please email mkgualtieri@uucgl.org if you can't attend (or, if you haven't registered, you can be put on the waiting list since the event is still at capacity).

Calling all Cooks in the Kitchen!

You're invited to be a part of an inaugural team of cooks in the UUCGL Kitchen. The plan is to get together to explore how cooking plant-based meals together lowers the cost, promotes health, serves the planet and...grows community. Use your smart phone to scan the QR code at right or use the link in the Weekly Update newsletter to be contacted about your interest and general availability.



Find out more about our church at:

www.uucgl.org

You may take this Order of Worship to share with family and friends.